

Dairy

The average number of milk cows maintained by Arizona's dairy operations in 2002 increased 6,000 head from a year ago to 146,000 head. As of January 1, 2003, the number of milk cows totaled 150,000, up 10,000 from January 1, 2002. Milk production per cow during 2002 was 23,486 pounds, up 7 percent from last year.

Milk production totaled 3.43 billion pounds in 2002, an increase of 12 percent from 2001. Value of milk produced, at \$401.2 million dollars, was an 11 percent decrease from the 2001 value. The average returns per 100 pounds of milk in 2002 was \$11.70, down \$3.00 from 2001.

Milk Cows: Monthly and Annual Average Inventory

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
	-----1,000 Head-----						
January	118	122	130	132	137	140	140
February	118	123	130	132	137	140	142
March	118	125	130	132	137	140	143
April	119	127	130	132	138	140	144
May	120	128	130	134	138	140	145
June	121	128	131	134	138	140	145
July	122	128	132	135	140	140	148
August	122	128	132	135	140	140	150
September	122	129	132	135	140	140	150
October	122	130	132	135	140	140	150
November	122	130	132	135	140	140	150
December	122	130	132	135	140	140	150
Annual average	121	127	131	134	139	140	146

Milk: Monthly and Annual Average Produced per Cow

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
	-----Lbs-----						
January	1,790	1,965	1,800	1,925	1,925	1,850	2,085
February	1,770	1,855	1,660	1,835	1,935	1,735	1,970
March	1,975	2,095	1,885	2,135	2,115	2,020	2,250
April	1,910	1,985	1,885	2,075	2,080	1,970	2,195
May	1,900	1,920	1,945	2,060	2,095	2,010	2,200
June	1,685	1,760	1,780	1,830	1,890	1,860	1,985
July	1,445	1,655	1,530	1,620	1,735	1,725	1,850
August	1,445	1,460	1,410	1,580	1,580	1,625	1,785
September	1,475	1,395	1,440	1,550	1,555	1,650	1,660
October	1,625	1,555	1,650	1,725	1,645	1,800	1,750
November	1,690	1,600	1,675	1,755	1,585	1,785	1,800
December	1,850	1,710	1,795	1,830	1,735	1,915	1,920
Annual average 1/	20,446	20,976	20,458	21,873	21,820	21,950	23,486

1/ Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Milk: Monthly and Annual Average Production

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
	-----Million Lbs-----						
January	211	240	234	254	264	259	292
February	209	228	216	242	265	243	280
March	233	262	245	282	290	283	322
April	227	252	245	274	287	276	316
May	228	246	253	276	289	281	319
June	204	225	233	245	261	260	288
July	176	212	202	219	243	242	274
August	176	187	186	213	221	228	268
September	180	180	190	209	218	231	249
October	198	202	218	233	230	252	263
November	206	208	221	237	222	250	270
December	226	222	237	247	243	268	288
Annual average	2,474	2,664	2,680	2,931	3,033	3,073	3,429